

NR Eligible: yes X  
no

The Singleton Burgee House was constructed in two distinct phases. As a result, the façade essentially appears as two houses built 100 years apart that are connected and situated side by side. Both portions are two stories tall. The east section was constructed circa 1800 of stone with a stucco finish. The entrance is encased in an off-center, arched opening. Four-over-four, double-hung sash, replacement windows are evenly spaced on the building, which is devoid of elaborate architectural ornamentation.

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The later portion of the house, which essentially appears as a complete house rather than an addition, was constructed circa 1900. It is slightly taller than the original, but is of similar form, massing, and materials. Two-over-two, double-hung sash windows are located on both stories. The later portion contains vernacular interpretations of Victorian-era decorative elements. The most prominent feature is a single-story, partial-width porch with turned supports and ornament that forms a triplicate arched pattern.

In addition to the scale, massing, and materials, other unifying elements of the two buildings include slate-covered side-gable roofs and gable roof dormers with prominent pediments. Brick chimneys extend from the ridgeline of each building.

Additions to the rear of the building are described in the previous form. The landscape of the parcel consists of primarily open agricultural fields with several tree groves. Plantings surrounding the residence include mature, ornamental, deciduous trees.

There are several outbuildings on the property, including a nineteenth-century, frame and stone barn and a small springhouse. Recently constructed metal agricultural buildings have been built on the property since the completion of the previous form. These buildings are separated from the historic components of the site and are located to the west of the house and barn. The new buildings are used as part of a petting farm.

#### History and Significance

The previous form describes the history of the property and succession of owners, some of whom were prominent citizens of Ijamsville.

In the past 30 years, the agricultural parcel has diminished from 182 acres to 124 acres. However, this has not changed the setting of the residence or the historic agricultural buildings. Each distinct portion of the house retains a high degree of integrity to its period of construction. As juxtaposed buildings, they offer an interesting example of the continuity of construction methods and vernacular design in rural Frederick County in a 100-year interval.

The Singleton Burgee House has a high degree of integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling, all of which contribute to the architectural significance of the building. The new agricultural buildings are separated from the historic agricultural buildings. The parcel remains in agricultural use.

The Singleton Burgee House is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is not associated with significant events in history and is not eligible under Criterion A. Although it was the home of Singleton Burgee, a prominent local citizen, the association does not warrant listing under Criterion B. It is eligible under Criterion C as a unique example of a residence with two distinct periods of construction. It is an example of a farmhouse constructed by successful and prominent citizens at the beginning of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth century as well. The materials, methods of construction, and architectural features convey the success and dignity of the owners, while the lack of ostentatious ornament is also indicative of building trends within rural regions in Maryland. The large agricultural parcel contributes to the integrity of the property and the ability of the resources to convey their use and significance. The entire parcel was not evaluated under Criterion D as part of the current documentation.

The boundaries for the Singleton Burgee Property include the entire 124-acre parcel to its current legal boundaries. The agricultural character of the property—including the integrity of setting—is critical to its significance and its eligibility under Criterion C.

#### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G

MHT Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Date

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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Date

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

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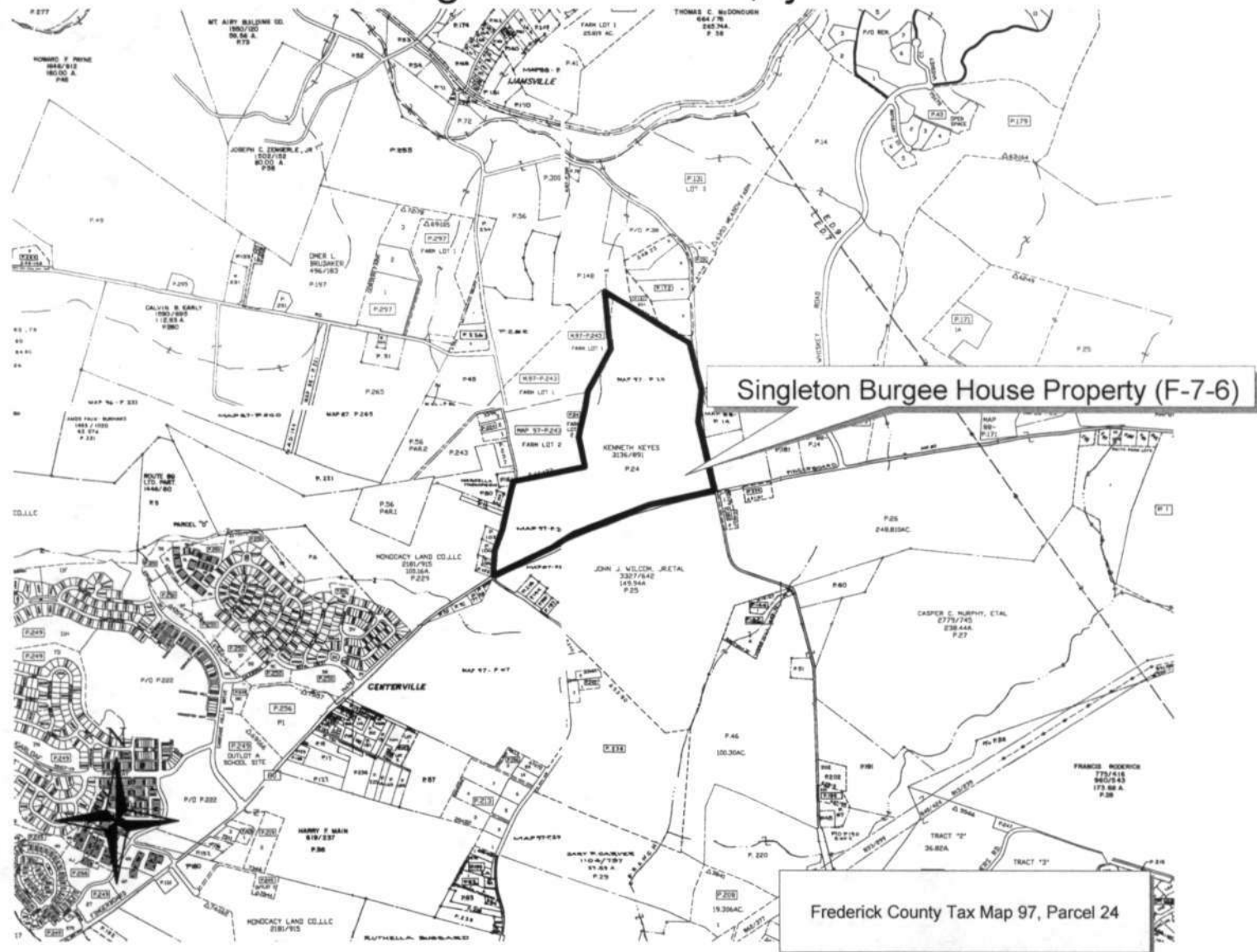
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# Parcel Map

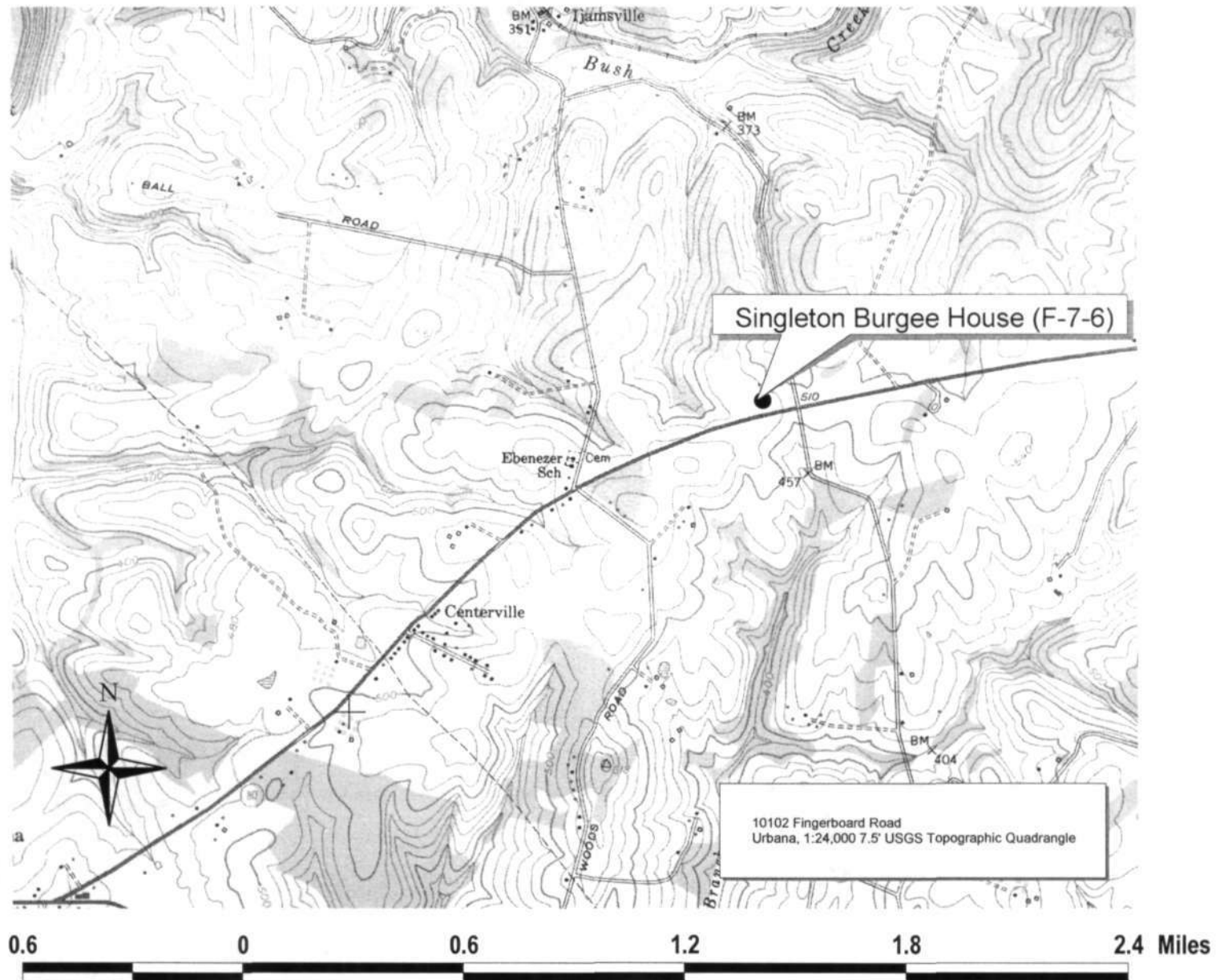
## Singleton Burgee House (F-7-6)

### 10102 Fingerboard Road, Ijamsville



0.6 0 0.6 1.2 1.8 2.4 Miles

Locator Map  
Singleton Burgee House (F-7-6)  
10102 Fingerboard Road, Ijamsville





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Singleton Burgee House / Addison  
Frederick County, MD

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View of house, facing north

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Singleton Burgee House / Addison  
Frederick County, MD

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View of house and barn, facing north

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Singleton Burgee House / Addison  
Frederick County, MD

S. Foell

12/2005

MD SAPO

View of farmstead with new agricultural  
buildings to the left, view to the  
northeast

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Singleton Burgee House / Addition  
Frederick County, MD

S. Foell

12/2005

MD SHPO

View of barn and rear of house - view to  
the west

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Singleton Burgee House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

N/S Route 80 (Fingerboard Rd.)

6th ED7

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Near north end of Big Woods Rd. — VICINITY OF Urbana

Map 97 Parcel 24

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. &amp; Mrs. James E. Hatcher

Telephone #: 865-5862

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Ijamsville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21754

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Court House

Liber #: 501

Folio #: 495

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Singleton Burgee House is a two part two and one half story rectangular stuccoed stone residence which faces south from the north side of Route 80 at the intersection of Price's Distillery Road. The building sits approximately fifty yards off of the road and is unrelated to any other building.

The house was built in two main parts. The east section which is the oldest part of the building is stuccoed stone and is five bays wide. A four panel door with four light transom is located in the third bay on the first level; double hung 2/2 windows with louvered shutters occupy the remaining four bays and all bays on the second level. A flat roofed victorian porch with decorative columns and lattice work extends from the south side on the first level between the first and fifth bay. Two pedimented dormer windows with decorative lattices are situated on the roof over the second and fourth bay.

The slate roof is finished by a boxed cornice with an intricately carved dentiled frieze. Two inside end brick chimneys are located on the east and west ends. The north side of the west part of the house is three bays wide; a four panel door with four light transom and wood lintel is located in the second bay on the first level. Double hung 2/2 windows with louvered shutters occupy the remaining bays on the first level and all of the bays on the second level. Wooden lintels are located over both windows on the first level. Two pedimented dormer windows identical to those on the south side are located on the roof. A wooden snow stop runs along the edge of the roof. An opening in the foundation is located below the third bay in the northwest corner. Two small 2/2 windows are situated in the east and west gable. The entire building is constructed on a high random stone foundation except for the porches which are built on brick.

The east part of the house which is stuccoed brick laid in common bond is three bays wide; a recessed arched entrance with modern twelve pane and panelled door with four pane sidelight (original three pane sidelights underneath) is located in the first bay from the west side. Double hung 6/6 windows with louvered shutters occupy the remaining bays on the first level and all three bays on the second level. A stepped brick cornice finished the slate roof. A pedimented dormer window identical to those on the west part is located on the roof over the second bay. A single inside end brick chimney straddles the gable on the east end.

Two frame additions project from the east part of the main block; to the east a one story single bay addition and to the north extends a two story addition two bays wide and long. A nine step open porch covers a back entrance on the south end corner of the two story addition. Double hung 2/2 windows are located on both levels of the addition. A modern inside brick chimney extends from the north end of the addition. A well which is no longer in use is located southeast of the house; unmarked graves are located along a fence row south of the house and several 19th century buildings in disrepair including a barn are located north of the residence.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD                               | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
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|                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES      c.1800      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Thomas Burgee?

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Singleton Burgee House is significant to the Urbana area as the home of Singleton Burgee, a local legendary figure in addition to having many interesting architectural features.

The house is believed to have been built for Thomas Burgee soon after the land was purchased from William Duvall in 1781.<sup>1</sup> In 1832, Thomas Burgee willed his land to Singleton and Thomas Burgee, Jr.<sup>2</sup> Singleton Burgee soon became one of the largest land and slave owners in the area. According to Williams, History of Frederick County, Maryland, Burgee also ran a distilling business.<sup>3</sup>

Although additions and changes have been made to the house, many significant architectural features remain. In the western and oldest part of the house is detailed beaded baseboards, chairrails and pegged beam construction in the attic and basement. Of particular interest on the exterior of the building is stucco over stone with an intricately decorated frieze identical to that on the Rock Hall Mansion near the Johnson Furnace which was built in 1812.

Victorian marble fireplaces believed to be from a house in Baltimore and a large Victorian walnut bannister are located in the east section of the house.

According to local legend it was this stairway where a mysterious dog wailed during the last days of Singleton Burgee's life. At the moment of his death a man dressed in a black cape on horseback arrived at the house for Burgee.

Jane Ijams Burgee acquired the land after the death of her husband and it remained in the family until it was sold at public sale in 1952.<sup>4</sup> The house was given to Elinor Burgee, daughter of Jane and Singleton Burgee and wife of Charles Hendry around 1868 and later was given to Martha C. Addison daughter of Charles and Elinor Hendry. After Frank Addison, the son of Martha Addison died the house was put up for public sale. The house is currently used as a private residence.

1 Frederick County Land Records Liber WR2 Folio 199

2 Frederick County Register of Wills Liber GME Folio 318

3 History of Frederick County, Williams, pg. 1285,1286

4 Frederick County Land Records Liber 501 Folio 495

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Moylan, Charles E; The Story of a Country Village of Frederick County, Ijamsville  
Case #17015 Equity Circuit Court for Frederick County

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 182 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

2-8-78

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall; 12 East Church Street

TELEPHONE

663-8300

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

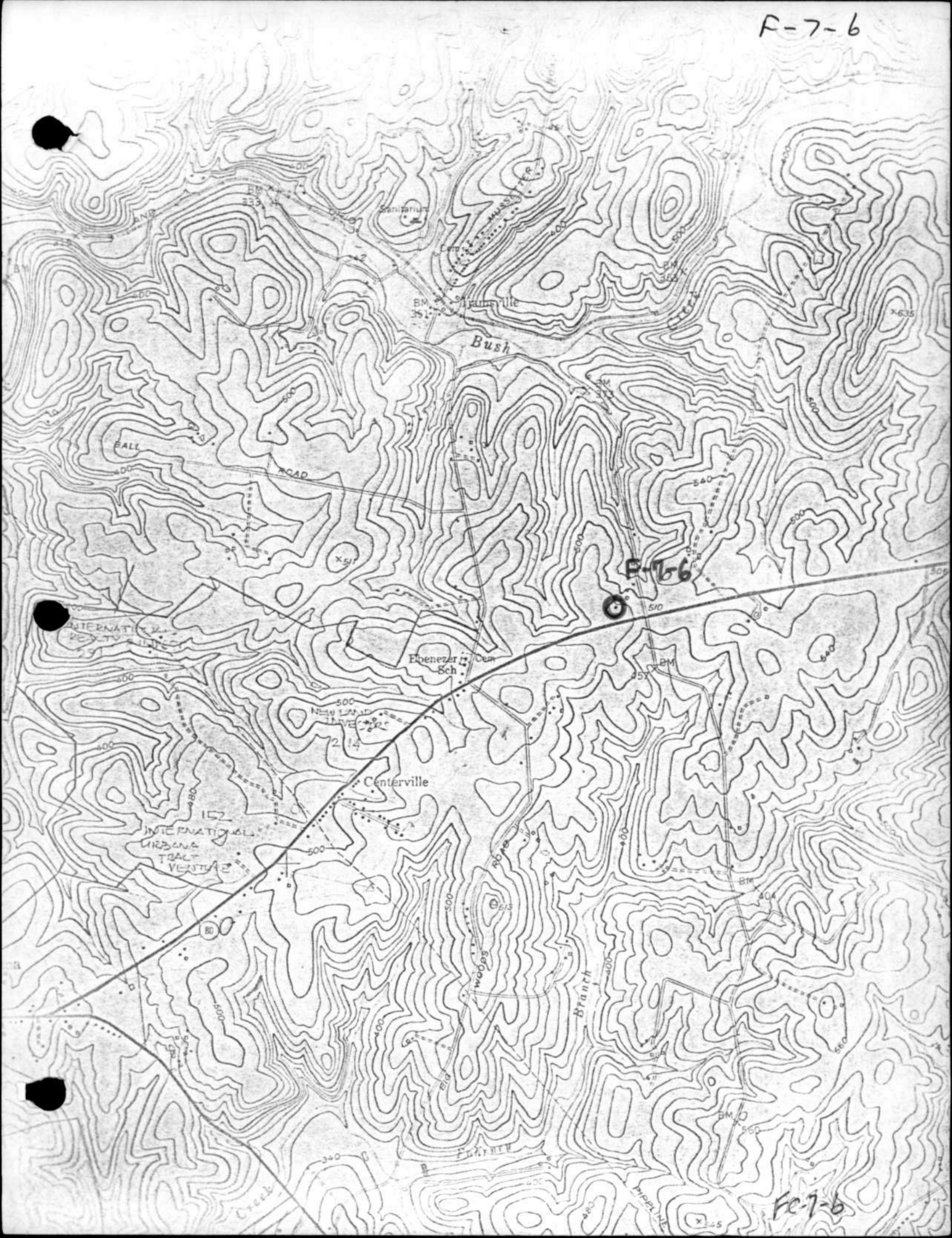
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Singleton Bugee House  
N/s Rte 80 west of Price's Distillery  
Road

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Northwest view







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Singleton Burgee House  
N/s Rte 80 west of Price's Distillery  
Road  
South side







Singleton Burgee House  
N/S Rte 80 west of Price's  
Distillery Road  
North side

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Singleton Burgee House  
N/S Rte 80 west of Price's

Distillery Road

Detail of Friezework, Southwest Corner

